

## USAID Community HIV Link - Northern Coast



*Community-based supporter collects information from client*  
Photo: COHED

### **GVN Counterparts**

Vietnam Administration of HIV/AIDS Control (VAAC)  
Department of Health at HaiPhong, QuangNinh, Nghe An  
HaiPhong, QuangNinh, NgheAn  
Provincial AIDS Prevention Center (PAC)

### **Duration**

July 2014 – July 2017

### **Planned Budget:**

\$2,032,581

### **Prime Implementer:**

Center for Community Health and Development (COHED)

### **For more information:**

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Working in Nghe An, Hai Phong, and Quang Ninh provinces, the Community HIV Link – Northern Coast project works to build on efforts to control the spread of HIV/AIDS in Vietnam. To sustain current prevention and treatment activities, local civil society organizations (CSOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) must increase their contribution to the national HIV Program. This project develops local organizations capacity to reach the most at risk populations and link them with HIV/AIDS services that they need.

### **STRENGTHEN OF HIV SERVICES**

To improve the quality of HIV services provided, the project mobilizes and trains a network of community-based supporters to conduct outreach activities to reach and serve key populations and link them to HIV services. The project focuses on reaching several populations, including people who inject drug have not been tested for HIV during the last 6 months or do not know their HIV status; female sex workers who inject drug have not had a HIV test during the last 6 months and people living with HIV (PLHIV) who are not enrolled in out-patient care and primary sexual partners of all the above groups.

The project works closely with local government and HIV service providers to keep track of clients, including new clients and clients who drop out of services, and refer key populations that have been reached through the project. The project collaborates with local government and service providers to provide mobile services to those who are not able to reach the established services.

### **BUILD CAPACITY FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS**

The project will conduct organizational capacity assessments of CSOs/CBOs involved in the project and use the findings to develop an appropriate capacity building plan for each organization. This plan will specifically look at the technical, management and financial aspects of the CSOs/CBOs to enable them to strengthen and sustain their operation in the future. The project provides training and mentoring to CSOs/CBOs based on their demand. The project also conducts a series of advocacy activities at provincial level to improve engagement and contribution of civil society, as well as call for support from all relevant stakeholders, including local authorities and CSOs/CBOs to more involve CSOs/CBOs in the policy dialogue process in their locality.

### **ENHANCE NETWORKING AND COORDINATION**

The projects helps CSOs/CBOs join the existing national advocacy networks through participating in events, meetings and fora held by these networks.

### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

The project expects to help community-based organizations and supporters reach approximately 6,700 hidden key populations and successfully refer over 6,000 people to HIV Testing and Counseling. The project also aims to find over 600 new positive HIV cases and over 900 PLHIV outside of the health facility receiving care and support services. The project aims to strengthen the capacity of at least 30 old and new CSOs/ CBOs within three provinces and support 30 CSOs/CBOs to join existing national networks, events, and fora of key populations to contribute to the HIV/AIDS response.